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*Great Performances at the Met: Cinderella*

Premieres Sunday, May 8 on PBS([check local listings](http://www.pbs.org/tv_schedules/))

New York metro area premiere Sunday, May 15 at 12 p.m. on THIRTEEN

**Synopsis:**

Mezzo-soprano Isabel Leonard stars as the rags-to-riches princess in **Laurent Pelly’s** storybook staging of Massenet’s “Cendrillon.” Featuring an all-new English translation by **Kelley Rourke** and conducted by Maestro **Emmanuel Villaume**, the cast also includes mezzo-soprano **Emily D’Angelo** as Cinderella’s Prince Charming, soprano **Jessica Pratt** as her Fairy Godmother, and mezzo-soprano Stephanie Blythe and bass-baritone **Laurent Naouri** as her feuding guardians. ***Great Performances at the Met: Cinderella*** premieres Sunday, May 8 on PBS ([check local listings](http://www.pbs.org/tv_schedules/)) as part of #PBSForTheArts. The New York metro area premiere is Sunday, May 15 at 12 p.m. on THIRTEEN. Countertenor **Anthony Roth Costanzo** hosts.

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**Cast:**

* Isabel Leonard – Cinderella
* Emily D’Angelo – Prince Charming
* Jessica Pratt – Fairy Godmother
* Laurent Naouri – Pandolfe
* Stephanie Blythe – Madame De La Haltière
* Lindsay Ohse – Naomie
* Maya Lahyani – Dorothy
* Matthew Anchel – The Master of Ceremonies
* Dylan Morrongiello – The Dean
* Paul Corona – The Prime Minister
* Stephan Varnier – A Herald

**Creative:**

* Anthony Roth Costanzo – Host
* Emmanuel Villaume – Conductor
* Jules Massenet – Composer
* Habib Azar – Television Director
* Laurent Pelly – Production & Costume Designer
* Barbara de Limburg – Set Designer
* Duane Schuler – Lighting Designer
* Laura Scozzi – Choreographer
* Paul Cremo – Dramaturg
* Kelley Rourke – English Translation

***Great Performances at the Met*** is produced by the Metropolitan Opera in association with PBS and The WNET Group, bringing the best of the Metropolitan Opera into the homes of opera fans across the country. For the Met: Mia Bongiovanni and Elena Park are Supervising Producers and Louisa Briccetti and Victoria Warivonchik are Producers. Tim Martyn is Music Producer and Peter Gelb is Executive Producer. For ***Great Performances***: Bill O’Donnell is Series Producer; David Horn is Executive Producer.

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